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NOI, published in the Federal Register on July 22, 2003, to prepare an amendment to the CRMP with an associated EIS for the CCFO to address energy resources, fire management, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and designations, and Churchill County open-space needs. The NOI has been corrected to change the United States Navy's status in the process from a joint interest in the plan amendment to a cooperating agency for the EIS. The Navy's intent to revise its Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) has been postponed to a later date. In addition, the plan amendment now includes an analysis of a proposal to develop a geothermal power plant east of Fallon, NV. The planning area is primarily limited to Churchill County, Nevada, for all issues with the exception of energy resources, which will be addressed for all lands managed by the CCFO. The BLM will continue to work collaboratively and cooperatively with interested parties to identify management decisions that may address local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This notice reinitiates the public scoping process. Comments can be submitted in writing to the address listed below, and will be accepted throughout the preparation of the Draft CRMP/EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and scoping documents at least 15 days prior to the event. At a minimum, another public meeting will be held in Fallon, Nevada. Formal opportunities for public participation also will be provided through comment on the draft and final documents.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to BLM Carson City Field Office, 5865 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; Fax (775) 885-6147.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the above address or call Gary Ryan (Project Manager) at (775) 426-4011 or Terri Knutson (BLM Environmental Planner) at (775) 885-6156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 22, 2003 the BLM published the *Notice of Intent To Prepare a Combined Amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan and a Revision to the Naval Air Station Fallon Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Known as the Churchill County Plan, and Associated Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register* (Vol. 68, No. 140, Pg. 43368-43369). Through the scoping process and after several meetings with planning partners and the Navy, the Navy determined that revision of its INRMP would not be a part of this plan amendment. In addition, the BLM received a proposal from Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC (NGS) for the development of a geothermal power plant located approximately ten miles east of Fallon, NV. In the interest of cost and time savings, BLM determined that the analysis of the power plant will be included in the Churchill County Plan and EIS.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

Elayn Briggs,

Associate Field Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ 050-04-1610-DO; 1610]

Arizona: Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the BLM Yuma Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Yuma Field Office intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the public lands located within the boundaries of the Yuma Field Office. The revised Yuma RMP will replace portions of the existing Yuma District Resource Management Plan (1987), portions of the

Lower Gila South Resource Management Plan (1988), and portions of the Lower Gila North Management Framework Plan (1983). Public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues will be announced in advance through BLM's Web site and in local news media.

DATES: The scoping comment period commences with the publication of this notice and will continue for at least 60 days. Public meetings will be held during the spring of 2004. Public notice will be provided specifying when the meetings will occur and will include notification of when the scoping period will close.

ADDRESSES: Yuma Resource Management Plan—Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Rd., Yuma, AZ 85365. Use the above mailing address to mail or hand deliver written comments; additionally, comments can be faxed to (928) 317-3250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Micki Bailey, Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Rd., Yuma, AZ 85365, telephone (928) 317-3215.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Yuma Field Office, Yuma, Arizona, intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the public lands within the boundaries of the Yuma Field Office. The RMP/EIS will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), other laws, regulations, and BLM management policies. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The first phase of the planning process is scoping which includes the identification of issues that should be addressed in the planning process and development of planning criteria.

The Yuma Field Office area encompasses 1.2 million acres along the lower Colorado River in southwest Arizona and southeast California, extending eastward into Arizona. The public lands are configured in an area 155 miles long and up to 90 miles wide. This area extends northward along the lower Colorado River from the Southern International Boundary at San Luis, Arizona, to north of Blythe, California, and Ehrenberg, Arizona. The Yuma Field Office boundary extends eastward to the Eagletail Mountains Wilderness

Area and south along the Yuma and Maricopa county line to the northern boundary of the Barry Goldwater Range. The planning area is located in Yuma, La Paz, and Maricopa Counties in Arizona; and Imperial and Riverside Counties in California. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Yuma Field Office at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Documents relevant to the planning effort may be examined during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the BLM Yuma Field Office at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Public meetings will be held throughout the planning process. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will occur in many cities and towns within the planning area, which include Dateland, Quartzsite, San Luis, Somerton, Wellton, and Yuma, Arizona; and Blythe, California. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the public lands. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media and newsletters. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. This represents the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management.

Additional issues and refinement of known issues will be identified during public scoping. The major issues that will be addressed during the planning process include, but are not limited to, management of public land resources including natural resource management; cultural resource management and protection; recreation/visitor use and safety; access and transportation on the public lands; location and management of utility corridors; management of grazing, mining, mineral materials, and other uses; and better coordination of public land management, local community, tribal, and other agency needs and plans.

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of four categories:

1. How do we best protect and manage the natural, biological, and cultural resources on the public lands?
2. What resource uses are appropriate for the Yuma Field Office? How should public use activities be managed?
3. How do we evaluate public lands under appropriate designations?
4. How do we coordinate public land management with other agency and community plans?

In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify management concerns during the scoping phase.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, wildlife, wilderness, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics. Where necessary, outside expertise may be used.

Dated: January 29, 2004.
 Thomas Zale,
 Acting Field Manager, Yuma.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review; notice of firearms manufactured or imported.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until June 1, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Cary Schaible, National Firearms Act Branch, Room 5100, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Scoping Meetings Scheduled for Yuma Field Office Resource Management Plan Revision

Mire abajo por información disponible en Español

Yuma, Arizona – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Yuma Field Office is planning four public scoping meetings to provide the opportunity to learn more about the resource management planning process underway for the Yuma Field Office planning area. These public lands are in the vicinity of Yuma, Somerton, San Luis, Wellton, Dateland, Tacna, Hyder, Quartzsite, Ehrenberg, and Blythe, and other surrounding communities within Yuma, La Paz, Imperial, Riverside, and Maricopa, counties.

BLM is holding open houses to gather information for future management of these areas and we invite the public to provide relevant questions and ideas regarding what the plans should address for the BLM administered public lands within the planning area. The views provided at these meetings and during the comment period, which closes June 30, 2004, will be evaluated in an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Yuma Resource Management Plan. The open house format allows interested individuals to attend anytime during the scoping meeting. Dates, times, and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, June 1, 5 - 7 p.m.

BLM Yuma Field Office Conference Room
2555 E. Gila Ridge Road
Yuma, AZ 85365

Thursday, June 3, 3 - 5 p.m.

Quartzsite Town Hall
465 N. Plymouth Road
Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Wednesday, June 2, 5 - 7 p.m.

Blythe City Hall Council Chambers
235 N. Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

Friday, June 4, 5 - 7 p.m.

Antelope High School Auditorium
9168 S. Avenue 36 E
Wellton, AZ 85356

Please send comments to us by June 30, 2004. To send written comments and or obtain further information, please contact:

Si usted necesita información en Español, por favor llame a Ron Morfin (928-317-3200).

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NEWS RELEASE

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YFO-04-05

For Release: May 20, 2004

Revision Plan for Public Lands BLM Hosts Open House Meetings

Yuma, Ariz. – Looking to update resource plans for federal lands in the area, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold Open House meetings June 1 – 4, throughout the area.

Presently, 1.2 million acres of public lands located within the boundaries of BLM Yuma Field Office are being managed by three resource management plans and several plan amendments. The office will prepare a revised Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consolidate the various plans.

The Open House meetings will begin the scoping process for citizen suggestions and comments on issues to be addressed in the revised RMP and EIS. Each open house will begin with a brief overview of the RMP/EIS process. The balance of each session will be open to receive comments and to talk with resource staff.

Open House Meetings

Yuma	Tuesday, June 1 • 5 to 7 p.m. BLM Yuma Field Office • 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma
Blythe	Wednesday, June 2 • 5 to 7 p.m. Blythe City Hall Council Chambers • 235 N. Broadway, Blythe
Quartzsite	Thursday, June 3 • 3 to 5 p.m. Quartzsite Town Hall • 465 N. Plymouth Avenue, Quartzsite
Wellton	Friday, June 4 • 5 to 7 p.m. Antelope High School Auditorium, 9168 S. 36 E, Wellton

In addition to the meetings, citizens may submit RMP/EIS comments and issues in writing to BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365, or through the internet at AZ_YM_RMP@BLM.gov. The closing date for comments will be June 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Micki Bailey at 928-317-3200.

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Please take a few moments to briefly answer the following questions and return them to the address provided.

1. What do you value about these public lands and why? _____

2. What activities or uses on these public lands are important to you and why? _____

3. How would you like to see the scientific, traditional, recreational, cultural, and natural resources of this area managed? _____

4. Is there anything else you want to tell us? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

☐ Add my name to the mailing list

☐ Note corrections to my name and address

☐ Remove my name from the mailing list

☐ Withhold my contact information from public review or
from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Yuma Field Office
2555 East Gila Ridge Road
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Please join the Bureau of Land Management in planning for your public lands!



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Yuma Field Office manages 1.2 million acres of public land within southwest Arizona and southeast California. BLM will be revising a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the area to replace the three existing outdated management plans. In conjunction with the revision of the RMP, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared. The EIS will assess the possible environmental and social effects of different management alternatives for the BLM-managed lands in the planning area.

The planning process is expected to take about three years and involve several steps. There will be many opportunities for public involvement beginning with the first step, *Public Scoping and Issue Identification*. We encourage you to get involved in this process to help us identify what issues the plan should address by sending us comments and attending the public meetings throughout the process. Additional opportunities for public involvement will continue during alternative development and the draft plan process.

We would like to know your interest and how you would like to see your public lands managed. You are receiving this mailing because you have expressed an interest in the past or have been identified as having a potential interest in our planning effort. If you would like to continue receiving future mailings, please detach the card provided and return it to our office with your comments by June 30, 2004. Your comments will be compiled with others and written into our *Scoping Report* which will be available in early fall of this year.

Open House Schedule

June 1 (Tuesday), 5-7 p.m., Yuma Field Office BLM, 2555 E Gila Ridge Rd, Yuma, AZ
June 2 (Wednesday), 5-7 p.m., Blythe City Hall Council Chambers, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA
June 3 (Thursday), 3-5 p.m., Quartzsite Town Hall, 465 N. Plymouth Ave., Quartzsite, AZ
June 4 (Friday), 5-7 p.m., Antelope High School Auditorium, 9168 S. 36 E, Wellton, AZ

How to Contact Us

Micki Bailey, RMP Team Lead, 2555 E Gila Ridge Rd, Yuma, AZ 85365

Phone: 928-317-3200 ♦ FAX: 928-317-3250 ♦ E-mail: AZ YM RMP@blm.gov ♦ <http://www.az.blm.gov/LUP/planning.htm>

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**Yuma Field Office Planning Effort
Bureau of Land Management
2555 E Gila Ridge Rd
Yuma, AZ 85365**



Planning TODAY for wise use, protection, and preservation for TOMORROW!



New Plan For Public Lands

**Be involved with BLM in planning for
1.2 million acres of public lands
by attending a
Resource Management Plan (RMP)
Open House**

- Yuma** **Tuesday, June 1, 5 to 7 p.m.**
BLM Yuma Field Office Conference Room, 2555 Gila Ridge Road
- Blythe** **Wednesday, June 2, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Blythe City Hall Council Chambers, 235 N. Broadway
- Quartzsite** **Thursday, June 3, 3 to 5 p.m.**
Quartzsite Town Hall, 465 N. Plymouth Avenue
- Wellton** **Friday, June 4, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Antelope High School Auditorium, 9168 S. 36 E

Each meeting will begin with a brief overview of the RMP.
The balance of each session will be open for you to express concerns and issues
with resource staff.

For more information about the meetings or the RMP process, please contact
Micki Bailey at the BLM Yuma Field Office at 928-317-3200.



El Plan Nuevo Para Tierras Públicas

Sea implicado con BLM en la planificación para 1.2 millones de acres de tierras públicas asistiendo un Plan de la Administración del Recurso (RMP) Reunión del Público

- Yuma** **Martes, 1 de Junio de 5 a 7 p.m.**
La Sala de reuniones en la oficina de BLM Yuma, 2555 Gila Ridge Rd
- Blythe** **Miércoles, 2 de Junio de 5 a 7 p.m.**
Las Cámaras del Concilio de municipalidad de Blythe, 235 N. Broadway
- Quartzsite** **Jueves, 3 de Junio de 3 a 5 p.m.**
El Ayuntamiento de Quartzsite, 465 N. Plymouth Avenue
- Wellton** **Viernes, 4 de Junio de 5 a 7 p.m.**
La Sala de la Preparatoria de Antelope, 9168 S. 36 E

Cada reunión empezará con una vista general breve del RMP. El equilibrio de cada sesión estará abierto para usted expresar concierne y publica con el personal del recurso.

Para más información acerca de las reuniones o el proceso de RMP, por favor de contactar a Ron Morfin en la oficina exterior de BLM, Yuma al 928-317-3200.

**Yuma Field Office
Open House Flyer Locations
May 17-21, 2004**

- 250 copies of the flyers were distributed throughout the planning area to announce the Open Houses scheduled in Yuma, Blythe, Quartzsite, and Wellton
- 75 additional copies were translated and distributed at appropriate locations

City	Location	Posted By
Yuma	YFO Front Desk	M. Bailey
Yuma	MCAS Post Office	S. Fusilier
Yuma	MCAS Commissary	S. Fusilier
Yuma	MCAS Bowling Alley	S. Fusilier
Yuma	MCAS 7-Day Store	S. Fusilier
Yuma	MCAS Officers/Enlisted Club	S. Fusilier
Yuma	MCAS Gas Station	S. Fusilier
Tacna	Post Office	R. Conde
Tacna	Basque Etchea Restaurant	R. Conde
Tacna	Tacna Market	R. Conde
Roll	Roll Market	R. Conde
Wellton	IGA Market	R. Conde
Wellton	Post Office	R. Conde
Wellton	Cathy's Café	R. Conde
Wellton	Geronimo's Cafe	R. Conde
Yuma	Chevron 7E & 95	B. Alexander
Yuma	Mittry Corridor - South	B. Alexander
Yuma	Betty's Kitchen	B. Alexander
Mittry	Boat Launch	B. Alexander
Mittry	Mittry Corridor - North	B. Alexander
Hidden Shores	Bulletin by pay phones	B. Alexander
Imperial Dam	Kiosk @ Christian Center Rd.	B. Alexander
South Mesa	1 st bathroom kiosk	B. Alexander
South Mesa	2 nd bathroom kiosk	B. Alexander
Ferguson Lake Rd	Ferguson/North Shore access kiosk	B. Alexander
North Shore SW	North Shore kiosk	B. Alexander
Senator's Wash Boat Launch	Kiosk @ parking lot	B. Alexander
Squaw Lake	Campground fee pipe kiosk	B. Alexander
Squaw Lake	Camp host Purand	B. Alexander
Bard, CA	Post Office bulletin board	B. Alexander
Yuma	Yuma County (City) library	B. Alexander
Yuma	E.C. Check Cashing	B. Alexander
Yuma	Mesa Sport Shop	B. Alexander
Yuma	Big 5 Sporting Goods	B. Alexander
Yuma	Sprague's Sports & Western	B. Alexander
Brenda	The Country Store bulletin board	R. Morfin
Brenda	Brenda RV @ mailbox, counter	R. Morfin
Brenda	Brenda RV @ mailbox, bulletin board	R. Morfin
New Water Mtns Wilderness	Hidden Tanks kiosk	R. Morfin

**Yuma Field Office
Open House Flyer Locations
May 17-21, 2004**

City	Location	Posted By
Eagletail Mtns Wilderness	Courthouse Rock trailhead kiosk	R. Morfin
Harquhala Valley	Mercado de Amigos, spanish	R. Morfin
Harquhala Valley	Mercado de Amigos	R. Morfin
Harquhala Valley	OHV kiosk & Hyder Road, spanish	R. Morfin
Harquhala Valley	OHV kiosk & Hyder Road	R. Morfin
Yuma	Foxworth & Galbrath	G. Rowell
Foothills	Fry's, soda machine	G. Rowell
Foothills	Donut Corral	G. Rowell
Foothills	Green Tree Grocery	G. Rowell
Foothills	Post Office	G. Rowell
Foothills	Pack Rats Mailing Post	G. Rowell
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Foothills	Postal Plus	G. Rowell
Foothills	Sheriff's Office	G. Rowell
Foothills	Farwest Water	G. Rowell
Foothills	The Grocery Store	G. Rowell
Foothills	Foothills Hardware	G. Rowell
Foothills	Arizona Land Sales	G. Rowell
Foothills	Foothills Bank	G. Rowell
Foothills	Foothills Library	G. Rowell
Yuma	Checker Auto	G. Rowell
Foothills	5 Star Video	G. Rowell
Dateland	Exxon gas station	J. Bate
Dateland	The Palms gift shop/restaurant	J. Bate
Dateland	Dateland Elementary School	J. Bate
Dateland	Dateland Store/Post Office	J. Bate
Walter's Camp	South Beach (Harold)	J. Bate
Walter's Camp	Store (2)	J. Bate
Walter's Camp	Fire Department	J. Bate
Gadsden	Post Office, 2	A. Lopez
San Luis	Fernando Padilla Community Center, 6	A. Lopez
San Luis	Senior Center, 2	A. Lopez
San Luis	Fernando Cordova Jr. Library, 2	A. Lopez
Somerton	Parks & Recreation, 2	A. Lopez
Somerton 85350	Dream Home & Garage, 2	A. Lopez
Somerton 85350	Library, 10	A. Lopez
Yuma	Davidson Marine	J. Green
Quartzsite	VFW – BB (#769)	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Pattie's RV, Laundromat	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Quartzsite Chamber of Commerce	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Herb's Hardware	W. Garner
Quartzsite	City Hall, 5	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Library, 2	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Quartzsite General Store, 2	W. Garner

**Yuma Field Office
Open House Flyer Locations
May 17-21, 2004**

City	Location	Posted By
Quartzsite	Road Runner Market, 2	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Palm Plaza, Laundromat	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Post Office	W. Garner
Quartzsite	Mark's Family Restaurant	W. Garner
Blythe	Library-Chancellor's Way	W. Garner
Blythe	Blythe Laundromat	W. Garner
Blythe	Fred's Kawasaki	W. Garner
Blythe	Country Wash Laundromat	W. Garner
Blythe	Steaks 'N Cakes Restaurant	W. Garner
Yuma	VFW #8242 – mile post 36	W. Garner
Palo Verde	Oxbow Campground	B. Alexander
Palo Verde	Oxbow Boat Ramp	B. Alexander
Palo Verde	Wheelies	B. Alexander
Palo Verde	Post Office	B. Alexander
Palo Verde	The Lagoon II Liquor and Package Store	B. Alexander
Martinez Lake	Boat Shop/Convenience Store	R. Oyler
Martinez Lake	Lake Martinez Cantina	R. Oyler
Martinez Lake	The Other Place	R. Oyler
Martinez Lake	Community Post Office	R. Oyler
Hidden Shores	Main Office/2	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	YMCA 4 th Ave./1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Sam's Club/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Walmart/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Circle K/Pacific & 32 nd /1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Target/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Walgreens/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Liberty Motor Sports/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Circle K/16 th & Freeway/1	K. Reichhardt
Yuma	Shay Oil (Chevron)/6	K. Reichhardt

Yuma Field Office Bureau of Land Management

Resource Management Plan Open House



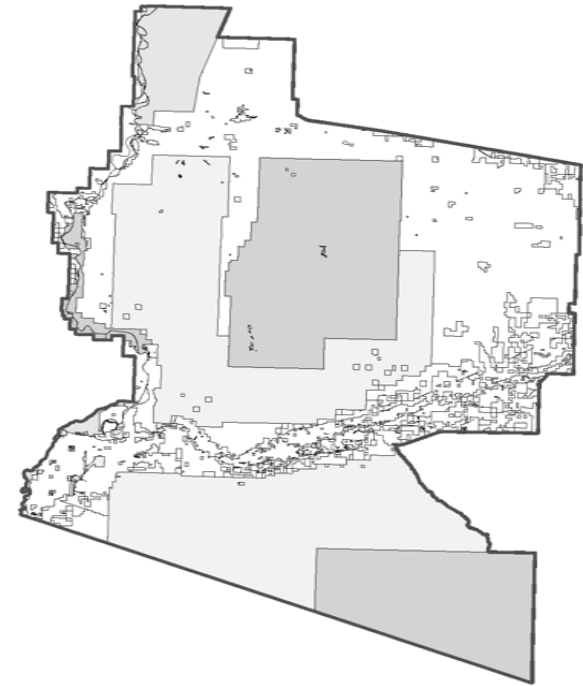
Why are we doing a plan revision?

- Current Yuma Resource Management Plan (RMP) is 17 years old
- Field Office boundaries were modified in 1992
- Land Use Plan Evaluation was completed in FY-00 and recommended a revision
- Current demands on resources were not anticipated by the current plan
- New information is available
- We need to take a comprehensive look at resource demands and capabilities given current social and economic values within the planning area



Planning Area Description

- Yuma Field Office encompasses 1.2 million acres in 2 states and 5 counties
- Lower Colorado River is a major attraction for year-round recreation
- Designated wilderness in both states
- 2 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Special Management Areas, National Historic Trail
- Full compliment of Lands, Minerals & Resources programs
- Fire program with wildland/urban interface and unique, volatile fuels



What decisions will be made?

- How do we best protect and manage the natural, biological, and cultural resources on public lands?
- What resource uses are appropriate for the Yuma Field Office? How should public use activities be managed?
- How do we evaluate public lands under appropriate designations?
- How do we integrate public land management with other agency and community plans?



Nine-Step Process for a Resource Management Plan

1. Planning Issues Identification
2. Planning Criteria Development
3. Data and Information Collection
4. Management Situation Analysis
5. Alternatives Formulation
6. Alternatives Assessment
7. Preferred Alternative Selection
8. Management Plan Selection
9. Implementation and Monitoring



Project Schedule

Preparation Plan Approval.....	April 30, 2004
Public Scoping Open House	June 1-4, 2004
Scoping Report.....	September 2004
Alternatives Formulation.....	May 2005
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).....	December 2005
Proposed RMP/Final EIS.....	June 2006
Approved RMP.....	December 2006



Wildlife & Resources



- Threatened & Endangered Species
 - Mohave Desert Tortoise
 - Southwestern willow flycatcher
 - Yuma Clapper Rail
- Sensitive Species
 - Flat-tailed horned lizard
 - Sonoran Desert Tortoise
- Priority Wildlife Habitat
- Habitat Improvement
- Habitat Restoration
- Wild Horse & Burros
- Range
- Livestock Grazing



Recreation



- Long -Term Visitor Areas
- Off-highway Vehicle Use
- Route Designations
- Special Recreational Use Permits
- Anza National Historic Trail
- Hiking Trails
- Biking
- Kiosks
- Boating Access
- Campgrounds
- Hunting & Fishing
- Recreation Access



Cultural Resources



- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- Preservation and Protection of cultural resources
- Interpretation
- National Historic Trails
- Prevention of Looting & Vandalism



Wilderness

- Wilderness Managed by the Yuma Field Office
 - Muggins Mountain
 - Eagletail Mountains
 - New Waters Mountains
 - Trigo Mountain
 - Little Picacho
 - Palo Verde Mountains
 - Big Maria Mountains
 - Riverside Mountains
- Protect and preserve unique values
- Interpretation



Lands, Minerals, and Surface Protection

- Utility Corridors
- Rights-of-Ways
- Surface Protection
- Mining
- Mineral Material
- Community Pits
- Recreation and Public Purpose
- Concessions
- Land Tenure Adjustments and Urban Growth
- Acquisition, Exchange, and Disposal



Fire

- Hazardous Fuel Reduction
- Wildfire Suppression
- Prescribed Fire
- Air Quality
- Wildland Urban Interface



Public Health & Safety

- Hazardous Materials
- Illegal Dumping
- Unexploded Ordnance
- Unauthorized Use (Trespass)
- Air Quality
- Abandoned Mine Lands



Social & Economic Concerns

- Population Growth
- Utilities and Public Services
- Local Economic Benefits
- Environmental Justice



Participants in the Process



- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Native American Tribes (AZ and CA)
- Cities
- Counties
- Irrigation Districts
- Special Interest Groups
- General Public




Public Opportunity for Involvement

- Open Houses
- Economic Workshops
- Public Meetings
- Internet AZ BLM Website
<http://www.az.blm.gov/LUP/planning.htm>
- RMP Planning Bulletin



Collaborative, Community-Based Partnership



- Collaborative Adaptive Management is:
 - Management practices based on identified desired outcomes or landscape goals
 - Monitoring to determine if outcomes are being met
 - Ability to make changes when outcomes are not being met
 - Involving the public as a partner in planning and management
- The process would involve:
 - Identify community networks
 - Build capacity in community leadership
 - Provide collaboration training
 - Establish one or more community-based committees, etc.



Collaborative, Community-Based Partnership



- Build lasting relationships
- Agree upon the legal sideboards early on
- Encourage diverse participation and communication
- Work at an appropriate scale
- Empower the group
- Share the resources and the rewards
- Build internal support



How to Contact Us



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Please take a few moments to briefly answer the following questions and return them to the address provided.

1. *What do you value about these public lands and why?*

2. *What activities or uses on these public lands are important to you and why?*

3. *How would you like to see the scientific, traditional, recreational, cultural, and natural resources of this area managed?*

4. *Is there anything else you want to tell us?*

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

- ☐ Add my name to the mailing list
- ☐ Note corrections to my name and address
- ☐ Remove my name from the mailing list
- ☐ Withhold my contact information from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

See Mailing Label Addresses

Dear <See Mailing Label Addresses>:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is beginning the process of preparing a resource management plan for the Yuma Field Office. This proposed action will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The resource management plan will guide the use, protection, and management of natural and cultural resources within the Yuma Field Office planning area. The BLM will work cooperatively with state, local, and tribal governments in developing these plans. We would like to initiate consultations and invite you to participate in the planning process, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and Executive Order 13007 on Indian Sacred Sites.

The resource management planning area extends northward along the lower Colorado River from the Southern International Boundary at San Luis, Arizona, to north of Blythe, California, and Ehrenberg, Arizona. The Yuma Field Office boundary extends eastward to the Eagletail Mountains Wilderness Area and south along the Yuma and Maricopa County line to the northern boundary of the Barry Goldwater Range. The planning area is located in Yuma, La Paz, and Maricopa Counties in Arizona; and Imperial and Riverside Counties in California (see enclosed Project Location Map).

We request your comments on any issues or concerns regarding the management of these planning areas. We would appreciate any historical information on the use and significance of these areas, such as whether there are any places of traditional religious or cultural importance that your tribe wishes the BLM to consider in determining tribal needs for use, access, or other special management. At your request, we will keep specific information confidential, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

We would like to present information on our planning effort at your next tribal council meeting or at a tribal community meeting so council members and any individuals in the tribe may fully participate in the planning process, be informed about future management actions within the Yuma Field Office, and are able to comment effectively during the RMP process. If possible, we request that you identify traditional leaders or elders who you determine should be contacted to express their interests or concerns regarding the resource management plan.

Your immediate comments and concerns will be incorporated into a Scoping Report which will be completed October of this year. Comments received from state, local, and tribal governments, interest groups and the general public will set the framework for alternative formulation. Tribal consultation is crucial in making effective decisions for public lands within the Yuma Field Office. We wish to include individuals or groups which will be affected by decisions made in the revised Yuma RMP. If possible, we request that you identify traditional leaders or elders who you determine should be contacted to express their interests or concerns regarding the resource management plan.

We value your knowledge, concerns, and perspectives relating to the planning area. As always, we look forward to working with you cooperatively to address your concerns. If you would like further information or want to request a meeting, please contact Micki Bailey, RMP Team Lead, at (928) 317-3215. With regard to cultural heritage issues, you may wish to contact Sandra Arnold, the archaeologist on the planning team, at (928) 317-3239. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Zale
Acting Field Manager

Enclosure Map of planning area

TRIBAL CONSULTANT LETTER RECEIPIENTS

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Cocopah Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Sill Apache Tribe
- Fort-Yuma Quechan Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- Havasupai Tribe
- The Hopi Tribe
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab-Paiute Tribe
- Las Vegas Band of Paiute Indians
- Moapa Band of Paiute Indians
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- The Navajo Nation
- Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- Viejas Band of Mission Indians
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai-Prescott Tribe



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In reply refer to:

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JUN 16 2004

Dear RV Park Manager:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Yuma Field Office manages 1.2 million acres of public land within southwest Arizona and southeast California. BLM will be revising a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the area to replace the three existing outdated management plans. In conjunction with the revision of the RMP, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared. The EIS will assess the possible environmental and social effects of different management alternatives for the BLM-managed lands in the planning area.

The planning process is expected to take about three years and involve several steps. There will be many opportunities for public involvement beginning with the first step, *Public Scoping and Issue Identification*. We encourage you and your residents to get involved in this process to help us identify what issues the plan should address by sending us comments and attending the public meetings throughout the process. Additional opportunities for public involvement will continue during alternative development and the draft plan process.

The Yuma Field Office BLM recognizes that many of our part-time residents currently are not residing in the area, but may have an interest with our RMP revision. We understand that many of the parks keep in touch by means of e-mail or newsletters. We would appreciate your sharing this information with your residents. We would like to know your interests and the interests of our part-time residents on how you and they would like to see the public lands managed.

We have included our contact information below if you or any of the part-time residents are interested in submitting comments. Although the deadline for comment during the initial scoping ends on June 30, there will be many other opportunities for you to participate in the planning process. Comments should be post marked by June 30, 2004. Any comments we receive will be compiled with others and written into our *Scoping Report* which will be available in early fall of this year. Individuals that reply should indicate if they would like to be added to our mailing list to receive updated information on the project or if their contact information should be withheld from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you.

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